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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS & FAX
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Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 5
(MI-9)
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Re: FOIA Request

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

Please see my FOIA Request as follows:

Contact Information:

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Are you filing the request on behalf of another party: Yes

If so, who are you filing the request on behalf of: County of Mille Lacs, Minnesota

☒ I certify that the above statement(s) concerning who I am filing the request on behalf of are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If I want to receive greater access to records about a person I represent, I will submit proof that the person consents to the release of the records to me, as discussed in 43 C.F.R. § 2.9.

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Request:

Bureau/Office: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

Relevant park, refuge, site or other location:

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Trust Lands (Reservation) in Minnesota

Request Description:

1. All documents which form or support the basis for the EPA's assertion of authority for the enforcement of environmental laws over fee owned lands within the original boundaries of the 1855 Reservation created for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Mille Lacs County, Minnesota.
2. All documents which form or support the basis for the EPA asserting authority for the enforcement of underground storage tank compliance with environmental laws and regulations on fee owned lands within the original boundaries of the 1855 Reservation created for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Mille Lacs County, Minnesota.
3. All EPA correspondence, notices, warnings, fines, enforcement actions, permits, and internal memoranda regarding underground storage tank enforcement by the EPA over fee owned lands within the original boundaries of the 1855 Reservation created for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Mille Lacs County, Minnesota.
4. All documents that demonstrate whether or not it is the policy of the EPA that the 1855 Reservation for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Mille Lacs County, Minnesota still exists or whether it has been diminished or disestablished.
5. All documents that establish whether or not it is the policy of the EPA that all lands and waters within the original boundaries of the 1855 Reservation created for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Mille Lacs County, Minnesota constitutes Indian Country for purposes of federal enforcement authority.
6. All internal policy memos and directives regarding EPA enforcement activities within the original boundaries of the 1855 Reservation created for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Mille Lacs County, Minnesota.
7. All documents relied upon by the EPA in support of its position whether or not the boundaries of the 1855 Reservation created for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Mille Lacs County, Minnesota exists or has been diminished or disestablished.
8. A copy of the agreement between the EPA and the State of Minnesota whereby the State of Minnesota assumed enforcement activities for environmental laws within the State of Minnesota.

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Desired Format – Electronic format via email

Fees and Waivers:

☒ I agree to pay all applicable fees.

In order to assist you in determining my requester category to assess fees, you should know that I am:

☒ Affiliated with a local unit of government and am seeking to use the information on behalf of a local unit of government.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy V. Thompson", written over the printed name.

RANDY V. THOMPSON

RVT: ljm